

GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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RUSS HAVARD

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Grove 2, watercolor on paper, 2016, 8x5.5"

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce **Russ Havard** and his work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **March 1 through March 26, 2016**. The **opening reception** will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on **Thursday, March 3 from 6-8pm**.

Russ Havard is drawn towards nature imagery that depicts isolated elements in their continual struggle to flourish under desolate circumstances. The seemingly bleak, the empty landscape, speaks to him according to the artist. It is in this silence that he sees the never-ending waves of struggle, wearing down, and rebirth emerging.

The process of endless building and reconfiguring transcends the mere physical and encompasses the spiritual and symbolic. In what some see as mere desolation, he finds a spark of the sublime: a release into a quiet revelry, and a peace that covers it all. By making paintings and constructions, he takes part in a restoration process. It is an act of reclamation and pressing onward.

Russ Havard grew up in Lufkin, Texas. He attended Stephen F. Austin State University where he received a BFA in 1993 and went on to receive an MA in 1997. Havard has exhibited extensively throughout Texas and the United States. His work has been featured in *New American Paintings*, Vols. 30 and 48. Russ Havard currently lives and works in Texas.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at gallery@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com

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Grove 1, watercolor on paper
2016, 11.5x7"